Imposition of community services on petty offenders

1599. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce imposition of community services as an alternative to imprisonment to benefit petty offenders; and

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard to help offenders sentenced to less than 2 year imprisonment to skip jail term?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The lapsed Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1978 had, *inter alia*, a proposal to include community service as one of the modes of punishment. The Law Commission of India, in its 156th Report, submitted after reviewing the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and also the provisions of the lapsed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1978, re-examined the proposed punishment of community service. However, the proposed punishment of community service did not find favour with the Commission.

Combining Hindi Institutions into A.D.G.

†1600. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of Translation Bureau, Hindi Directorate, Glossary Commission and Hindi Sansthan;

(b) whether there is any proposal for making a Directorate General by combining these institutions which perform same type of work;

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(d) if not, the steps to be taken to remove laxity of these institutions for propagation of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Central Translation Bureau (CTB), a subordinate office of the Department of Offical Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, translates non-statutory manuals, codes and procedural literature etc. It also imparts training in translation.

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